Listing of claims:

Claims 1-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A mobile device, comprising:

an antenna assembly configured to be tuned in response to a scheduled message

reception;

a real-time component comprising:

- a system timing function,
- a real-time event dispatching function, and
- a digital radio that is configured to receive information content in a localcast-mode and in a broadcast-mode, and to transmit information content in a localcast-mode and in-a-broadcast-mode;
- a digital control and processing circuit;
- a microcomputer assembly;
- a random access memory;
- a nonvolatile memory; and
- a microprocessor-controlled user interface.

Claim 21 (original): The mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to be worn on a person's wrist.

Claim 22 (original): The mobile device in claim 21, wherein the mobile device is further configured to display the current time.

Claim 23 (original): The mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to operate within a paging unit.

Claim 24 (original): The mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to operate within a cellular telephone.

Claim 25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (currently amended): The mobile device in elaim 26 claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to transmit and receive information from a second mobile device.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The mobile device in claim 27, wherein the mobile device is further configured to transmit and receive information from a plurality of mobile devices.

Claim 29 (original): The mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to receive local information from a second mobile device.

Claims 30-43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (currently amended): A mobile device, comprising:

means for receiving a signal that is arranged to receive a first broadcast signal from a broadcast transmitter when the mobile device is in a broadcast mode, and is arranged to receive a first localcast signal from a localcast transmitter when the mobile device is in a localcast mode, and is arranged to be tuned in response to a scheduled message reception; and

means for transmitting a signal that is arranged to transmit information from the mobile device.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The mobile device in claim 44, wherein the means for receiving a signal further comprises a transceiver that is arranged to test a selected station for a main channel signal and a subcarrier signal.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The mobile device in claim 45, wherein the transceiver is further arranged to capture a packet from the acquired main channel signal or the acquired acquired subcarrier signal.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The mobile device in claim 44, wherein the means for receiving a signal is further arranged to detect loss of a signal and signal quality.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The mobile device in claim 44, wherein the means for transmitting a signal is further arranged to transmit the information when the mobile device is in local cast mode.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The mobile device in claim 45, wherein the means for transmitting a signal is further arranged to transmit the information to another mobile device over a local cast communication link.

Claim 50 (currently amended): A mobile device, comprising:

an antenna assembly configured to be tuned in response to a scheduled message reception;

a transceiver that is coupled to the antenna assembly, wherein the transceiver is arranged to provide communication over the antenna assembly in one of a broadcast mode and a localcast mode; and

a microcomputer assembly that is coupled to the antenna assembly, wherein the microcomputer assembly is arranged to control operation of the transceiver in both the broadcast mode and the localcast mode.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The mobile device in claim 50, wherein the transceiver further comprises a radio that is arranged to receive FM radio signals across the antenna assembly, wherein the FM radio signals are FM subcarrier signals when the transceiver is in the broadcast mode and the FM radio signals are locally-unused portions of an FM band when the transceiver is in the localcast mode.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The mobile device in claim 50, wherein the transceiver further comprises a digital signal processor that is coupled to the microcomputer assembly and is arranged to perform control, scheduling and post-processing tasks for the transceiver.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The mobile device in claim 50, wherein the transceiver further comprises a real time device that includes a radio and is arrange to provide the radio operation and the system clock for the transceiver.